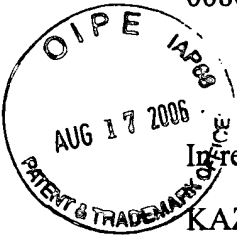


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PATENT APPLICATION



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In re Application of:

KAZUYA NOTSU ET AL.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMBER,
MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF, AND SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE

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Examiner: Mohsen Ahmadi

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Group Art Unit: 2812

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect the device claims of Group I for initial prosecution on the merits; namely, Claims 1-3, 19-25 and 38.

In this regard, it is noted that the Restriction Requirement apparently inadvertently listed device Claim 38 as being part of the Group II method claims.

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